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If thy soul would be distressed,
Look around;
Care and trouble, strife, unrest,
There abound.

If thy soul would sorrow know,
Look within;
How unlike thy Lord art thou,
Prone to sin!

But if thou wouldst joy in love,
Restful be,
Sister, brother, fix thine eye above,
Christ to see.

—Selected.

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DEVOTIONAL AND EDITORIAL

"Witnesses Unto Me"

By Edwin E. Jacques
(Albania)

"YE SHALL be witnesses unto Me." The Lord did not command that we speculate, or argue, or reason, but that we witness. Whatever else we may do, our witness is the indispensable thing. The duty of the witness is to state facts. John begins his testimony: "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life; that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you." Facts! Facts convince the jury, and only facts will convince the world. What a tragedy, that we spin gauzy theories with the unsaved and feel our soul delivered of responsibility because of some "religious talk." Yet we have not been *witnesses unto Him*.

We have talked about everything else under the sun. With the learned Bektashi dervish, we discuss the persistence of personality and the reality of hell. To teachers and professors who deplore the ignorance so prevalent in their religion and who "prefer Protestantism," it is so easy to speak of Protestantism and Catholicism and Orthodoxism and Mohammedanism, to speak of Luther and history and doctrines, and to cite the failures of other religions. But to speak in a parlor group of sin, and salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ, seems "out of place." They will consider us eccentric. (Strange how we value their approval of ourselves when we value their opinion of nothing else!) Though speaking on allied subjects, our lips tremble to utter the vital "facts" of our witness; there is a restraint; afterwards we are disgusted with our failure. It was after being lured into the by-paths of ethics and philosophy by a pantheistic poet of Albania, that I left the store where we chanced to meet, greatly depressed. Of course, the reason was obvious. Too much matching of words; too little stating of vital facts. In thus trying to be strong, one becomes weak. Conviction comes not by might nor by power of argument, but by the work of God's Spirit.

Paul, many believe, was likewise disgusted at the meager results of his oration on Mars Hill. At least, when he went on to Corinth he proclaimed to them the testimony of God not with excellency of speech or of wisdom. "For I determined not to know anything among you," he later recalled, "save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God." Understand that Paul did not *lack* the wisdom of men (cf. Acts 22:3). He *had* it, but he did not *depend* on it. He spoke not the wisdom of this age, but the wisdom of God, the mystery of the gospel.

Notice how he opposes that heresy at Colosse. Judaizing philosophers were teaching: Matter is the source and abode of evil; abhor everything connected with physical existence. They further taught that the Supreme Being came into relationship with this world of matter only by means of a spiritual hierarchy consisting of a graduated series of emanations from the Deity, the lowest of which was supposed to have been far enough removed from the Supreme Being to be capable of bringing into existence the base material world. Paul, however, insists simply that all things were created through Christ, who is the "image of the invisible God" and the "Son of His love." Further, all things are reconciled to God through Christ, who "made peace through the blood of His cross."

Replying to the philosophical aspect of this heresy, Paul declares that not in any man-made philosophy, but "in Christ are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge," and warns them lest they be "beguiled by enticing words, or by philosophy and vain deceit after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." Further, he warns those befogged Christians that it was the cross which released them from their sins, and that they were quickened from spiritual death by that same power which raised Jesus Christ from the dead.

These heretical teachers imposed a rigorous asceticism—the denial of meats and feasts—in order to free man from the influence of the flesh. Paul, in reply, warns again lest they be beguiled, and reminds them that they died with Christ from these rudiments of the world, and that they were raised with Christ to a new life of bodily and temperamental purity. Notice that Paul does not compare philosophies with those deluded ones; he proclaims "Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." He states the simple facts of Christ's supremacy: Christ is "all and in all." He does not match metaphysics and six-syllable words—this is vain; he appeals to the blood of the cross.

This is amply justified. The gospel of Jesus Christ is based not on a philosophy, but on certain great facts. Those facts are historical. Though many attempt it, such facts cannot be philosophized away. Our duty as witnesses is not to *speculate;* we must *state the facts.* In the magnitude of God's love, Christ came into the world. He lived faultlessly. He died. He rose again. History records these facts; God's Word interprets them. Very significant is that symbolism in Ephesians 6: "the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." Unfortunately we have used the tongue instead of the sword. Thus our witnessing has often degenerated into mere argument—a matching of wits—rather than a statement of divine facts.

An army officer came to the Scripture stand set up weekly at Elbasan. He had only lofty disdain for the Scriptures, and said so openly. "Omar Khaiyam, the Persian poet, was right when he declared: 'The good man is rewarded by death; the bad man is punished by death; there is no difference, so why try to be good?' " "But death is not the end; after death comes the judgment." "If so," he replied, "why have I never gotten a letter? Neither my grand-parents nor my parents have written to me since they died." Christ made that plain in the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, which was read. "If this is all true," he continued, "why does not God prove it? Why doesn't He send someone back to us from the dead?" "If He did prove it thus, would you believe

Him?" "Of course I would; everybody would." "But He did send back from the dead the Lord Jesus Christ." Without a word of response, the officer turned and walked away. We had gotten down to the *facts;* there was nothing more to be said.

In Medina lie the bones of Mohammed. But the angels at the tomb could only say, "Behold the *place.*" Never can be said of the Lord Jesus, "Here lie the bones." He is risen from the dead! It is a fact of history. It is attested to by hundreds of eye-witnesses. As such, it must be coupled with that other great fact of His vicarious death, and given the same emphasis in our witnessing as in that of the apostles.

Of course, this will invite the arrows of the scornful. It was after a half hour's discussion and witness in the office of a well-known official and materialistic writer, that he expressed himself in surprise: "I didn't know there was still one young man who believed those things. I can only advise a psychopathic examination." It is the verdict of Festus—"Thou art mad!" But that very morning Mr. Cheno and I had read together, before beginning our colportage: "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God . . . The Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: but we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God."

Oh, let us seek to satisfy neither our own boasted intellect, nor the world's itching ears! We must use great plainness of speech. The preaching of the cross is to the world foolishness; yet that cross is our only glory and the world's only hope. We are labeled "fools"—but it is "for Christ's sake." "Eccentric," the world expresses it—"off." And, with respect to the world, we are "out of center," for we have set our affections not on things of the earth, but on things above. We are "in Christ." Not only were "all things made by Him," but further, "in Him all things consist." He is the Center of the created universe. Being then, "in Him," we are quite "in-center!" And only there, at the very center, is found balance and rest in the bewildering whirl and complexity of modern life. For he alone finds rest to his soul whose life is centered in Jesus. And he alone spreads rest of soul whose testimony is centered in Jesus. Each minute detail of our life and of our testimony is to be related to the Lord Jesus Christ. "Ye shall be *witnesses unto Me,*" He directs. *Unto Him* alone are we responsible.

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Full Assurance of Hope

(*Hebrews* 6:11)

By Pastor Herbert Hogg

IT WOULD be surprising to see how many references there are to "hope" in the Word of God. Its relation to Christian life and service is shown in multiplied forms. We find it to be a comfort, a stimulus, and an incentive to the child of God.

We should ever remember that hope, according to the Bible meaning, is not the hope that men speak of. Man's hope is vain, delusive, and a disappointment. The Christian's hope is sustaining, real, and sure. God's promise and ability to perform are back of this hope.

To illustrate, hope came into being when man fell. The promise of a Redeemer (Gen. 3:15) was a hope. Through the Old Testament that royal line, through which "the seed of the woman" was to come, was preserved, in spite of all the hatred of man against it (2 Chron. 22:10–12; Matt. 2:13–18). The fulfillment of that hope is expressed in Gal. 4:4, 5.

Therefore, Christian hope resting upon the death and resurrection of our Lord is spoken of as "sure and steadfast" (Heb. 6:19). It is centered in Christ Himself. Let us sow in hope (I Cor. 9:10); be comforted in hope (I Thess. 4:13); rejoice in hope (Rom. 12:12); look for it (Titus 2:13); and, because of that "blessed hope," purify ourselves (I John 3:3), being always ready to give a reason for our hope (I Peter 3:15).

The full assurance of hope is, therefore, practical in its meaning. It is the necessary complement to faith and understanding. These three—faith, understanding, and hope—form a blessed trio to unfold the values of Christian life and experience.

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The Rest of the Way

"*Thou hast been my help*" (Psa. 63:7)

O FATHOMLESS mercy! O infinite grace!
With humble thanksgiving the road I retrace;
Thou never hast failed me, my Strength and my Stay!
To whom should I turn for the rest of the way?

Through dangers, through darkness, by day and by night,
Thou ever hast guided, and guided aright;
In Thee have I trusted, and peacefully lay
My hand in THY hand for the rest of the way.

Thy Cross all my refuge, Thy blood all my plea,
None other I need, blessed Jesus, but Thee!
I fear not the shadows at close of life's day,
For THOU wilt go with me the rest of the way.

—Francis Ridley Havergal.

"Pure Religion" (James 1:27)

By Paulina Nikoff

AFTER the horrible Balkan War in Bulgaria, there were hundreds of homeless children who had lost their parents. Their brave fathers had given their lives for the high national ideals and for freedom. Almost all the people were stricken with terrible sorrow, misery, and great poverty, which crushed their very life. In those hard moments, many noble Christian hearts were deeply moved with sympathy toward the suffering ones and gave their moral and material help in order that orphanages might be opened, where the innocent, unhappy, fatherless children could find not only a good home but have physical, moral, and spiritual training. In a short time, therefore, different orphanages were opened, either by the national government or by women's societies.

Jako Ivanoff

Our Bulgarian Evangelical Committee was also touched by the terrible results of the bloody war. We had lost many of the members of our churches, and their families were left in a pitiable condition. The churches were poor and unable to take proper care of these needy ones, but they felt that something should be done in solving this problem. The Lord put the desire into the noble, sensitive hearts of Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Furnajieff to try to do whatever they could in the matter, with the Lord's help. They went to the U. S. of America, and there many noble, Christian friends were moved by their warm, appealing speeches and helped them to gather some money for the opening of a Protestant Bulgarian Orphanage in Sofia.

Soon after their return to Bulgaria, in the year 1915, this home for orphans was established. It was named after one of our best men, who was a monk in a monastery near Salonica and who wrote the first Bulgarian history, by means of which the Bulgarian people were awakened from their spiritual and national lethargy. His name is Father Paisy. From this time on, about twenty boys each year have found in the orphanage not only a good Christian home but the best kind of Christian training, based upon the true evangelical and Biblical truths. In the course of these years, the orphanage has given some splendid citizens to Bulgaria. Some of them have become good mechanics, tradesmen, and teachers, one is a medical doctor, another a dentist, and so on. All the boys cherish in their hearts the best of memories of their life in the orphanage and are most grateful for what has been done for them. This is one of the most noble works of the evangelical church in Bulgaria.

The orphanage is now giving a home to about twenty boys, who have been gathered from all parts of our country. We are very fortunate to have Miss N. Gidikova as superintendent. She is in charge of the whole work there. She is a fine girl with a strong character and firm Christian faith. Her sacrificial service there is most precious and keeps the standard of the home very high. Our orphanage is a small one, but the training which the children get there is the best they could obtain, due to the sacrificial and faithful work of the whole committee in charge of the orphanage.

Last year some of my good friends in the U. S. A sent me a certain amount of money every month and asked me to find an orphan child to support. There were many such children who needed help and it was hard to choose the happy one. But at last we took little Jako Ivanoff, a boy who comes from a village near Macedonia. The orphanage was the best place where I could put this boy. He entered it last September, and since then has made good progress along every line. I shall never forget when he arrived in Sofia. He was dressed in clothing that had been woven and made at home, with a

little torn hat. He wore very thick woolen hand-knitted stockings (it was during the month of August and very hot) and no shoes. The child was pale and very weak. He had never in his life had good food or proper care and training.

We took him first to the market, where we bought him new stockings and shoes. The boy's joy was unspeakable. He kept looking at his new shoes all the time. He could not understand what had happened to him. The big city with all its interesting life, the new people who were taking such good and tender care of him, the new things which he had received—all these made the child feel like a hero in a story book. What was his wonder when we took him to the orphanage! There he found many other boys, happy as little birds, a lovely home, bedrooms, kitchen, etc. He had never dreamed of such things. He had never had a real bed, and never had seen a table set with good food. His face glowed with joy. My husband and I left him there, remarking to each other: "Blessed are those people who gave this child such an opportunity to make the most of his life. If they could see this happy child and in some way could measure their noble deed, they would be much more happy than they are now, even in this life. God bless them!"

Soon after the boy got there, he became ill. He had had that particular disease when he left his home, but it was not discovered until later on. Thank God, however, through the good care he received he got well, and little by little he has been getting better and better, until now he is quite a changed boy. His attitude, health, and school work are all much better than they were. He is happy here and does not wish to go back to his village. He loves his mother, but he also loves his new home. He is in second grade and is studying hard and trying to make the most of his schooling.

In behalf of this little one, who does not know his good friends on the other side of the ocean who are helping him to live this new life, I wish to thank them, as well as all who have helped to open this home and make it possible for so many children to live a better life and be saved from misery, even death.

One of the best of the parables of Jesus is the Parable of the Good Samaritan. I love it because of the wonderful thoughts contained in it. The Samaritan was a man who did not have very much, but he gladly gave what he had at the moment. His love triumphed, and he made use of what he had. The world today needs that kind of people, who know how to make great use of the little things that the Lord has given them. Only thus can the Christian church become the visible token of Christ's presence amid a world of such needs, suffering, pain, and starvation. Yes, the world needs the good Samaritans. Are you one of them? Remember there are many little ones whom you can make happy and save their precious lives. God bless us with His Spirit and may we be found active in service to mankind!

WITNESSING TO JEWS

By J. I. Schnapp (Roumania)

DURING the month of December, we had a number of well attended meetings, with wonderful opportunities to tell both Jews and Gentiles of the grace of God, which hath appeared to all men through the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Jews were able to hear the gospel in these meetings in different ways, and our Lord gave His blessing.

In humble gratitude, and with my eyes fixed upon the Cross of Golgatha, I can look back over the great and blessed work of the past year. "The Lord is at hand"—of that I am sure. The wonderful love of our Lord is surely shown in the fact that He is making known the precious gospel to these lost, unhappy Jews and Gentiles, and that He is giving us a part in it. We want to continue to stand together in prayer for His help.

From January 5th to 12th, we observed the Week of Prayer here, as they do everywhere else. Jews and Gentiles were united in prayer to the Lord who bought them with His own precious Blood. These were precious hours, when we could feel the presence of our Lord. Many seeking souls came to take part in prayer, and the believers were united. Please continue to pray for my work and for me.

"It is not enough to have the words of the gospel on our lips, and the evidence of its truth in our understanding—it must take powerful hold of our affections."

An Earnest Call for Prayer Help

By Miss Tordis Christoffersen

"O THOU that savest by Thy right hand them which put their trust in Thee from those that rise up against them, keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of Thy wings, from the wicked that oppress me, from my deadly enemies, who compass me about" (Psa. 17: 7–9).

Because of some very serious problems that have arisen in my life and the Lord's work here, I am calling upon the Lord's people for earnest, believing prayer that the God of all power may bring deliverance and overrule the situation. One of the first days of this year I received the following letter:

"Esteemed Lady:

We have been giving you our attention for a long time. All your steps are well known to us, even your hidden home, and all places of your being. If you would even hide yourself in Poland under the earth, we would find you out. We have enough of the propaganda of the foreign missionaries in our land. We warn you that if you will not stop your perverting work among the Jews and leave the border of our land in the shortest time, you will have to meet the identical lot of your predecessor, Miss Mott, whom we had warned in just the same way. Also, the buildings at Radosc we will burn with fire. We are so perfectly organized that the police will not find us and will never be able to fall on our track. Once given out by us, a verdict will be regardlessly executed. Therefore, if your life is precious to you, take to your earnest attention our warning.

(Signed) DETERMINED ONES.

P. S. We know you do not know the Polish language, but your . . . co-worker will translate this letter for you."

Although it made a deep impression upon me, causing me to pray and consider the whole matter before the Lord and making me careful and watchful as never before, yet of leaving Poland I had no thought.

Then, some time later, a police came and asked me to be at the Starostwo the following morning. There I learned that a similar letter had been written to the Starosta, telling him that, if he renews my visa (which was due February 10th), nothing would stop these evil doers from taking my life. The Starosta himself, a very high official, came out to see me. He advised me to leave Poland as soon as possible, and was quite surprised when I told him that I had a charge to keep and could not leave without conferring with America and making proper arrangements.

After days and nights of prayer, I went again to the Starostwo. They prolonged my visa six more weeks, but I had to sign a statement to the effect that I had been warned and had taken everything into account. All the responsibility for my life is now my own—I am the Lord's, for life or death.

What a serious situation! Radosc, now with the new fence, so suitable for our work! Being almost all alone, I was at a loss to know what to do in the whole matter. I was baffled and sorely tested. Another member of our mission was asked to take over Radosc, but could not, his main objection being that if they succeed in driving me out of the land, he would have difficulty in getting his visa renewed, too.

What then? There is only one way, the Lord Himself! If I ever wanted and needed Him, it is now. How I have called and cried unto Him, who is a very present help in trouble! Then it came to me that to leave would be like betrayal of Him who gave His life for me. It would be closing the door for permanent stay for any worker who should come later on, for if they got me out in this way, they would continue with others in the same manner. So now I am calling upon you all to join me in prayer for the renewal of my visa. The Lord is able to do this. He who can turn the heart of a king can do the same with the Starosta, and He is able to keep me safe from all harm, so that we can continue as long as time is yet given to work. The shadows are lengthening over Europe, the war preparations are felt, the hatred of the Jews is getting more intense. Since the national parties have been formed, it certainly is "eleventh hour" service among the Jews of Poland.

Some friend in America has written and indicated

that we were teaching the children to disobey their parents in asking them to come to the mission without the permission of their parents, and that the opposition is from these parents. Because of this, I want to tell you all that this is not the case. Except in a very few instances, I can go into all the homes of our children—we are urged to come—and many of the parents come to the mission.

In taking the children out to Radosc, it is required that either father or mother bring them, and most of them sign a statement that it is with their consent that their children go with us. Every Saturday, all through the summer, these questions are asked the children at Ogrodowa: "Why do you go to Radosc?" The children answer, "To get fresh air and to play in the garden and woods." Then follows the other question: "Why do we take you to Radosc?" They answer, "To teach us the Word of God."

There is nothing hidden about our work. All the parents are cordially invited to visit their children on Saturdays and Sundays, and then we always have an evangelistic service for them. They are always taken through the children's bedrooms, and they love to see everything their children eat and the toys with which they play. If there is anything that has warmed my heart and encouraged me in this work, it has been the absolute confidence which the Jewish people have had in us and our work among them. They beg us to take their children. In the summer we have many more than we can take into the mission or out to Radosc.

When the older girls have become believers and their parents do not allow them to come, we tell them to obey their parents, pointing to our Lord as an example, who was subject to His parents and advanced in favor with God and men, and earnestly calling upon them to be a testimony, by their daily lives, in their own homes. We have even told a girl, of whom her mother complained, that if she did not live up to her knowledge we could have no more fellowship with her.

No, the enemy is using quite a different kind of people to oppose the Lord's work here. *But the Lord our God, whom we trust, is able to deliver.*

NOTE—Since sending the material to the printer, we received the following word from Miss Christoffersen: "Am writing to let you know that I got my visa for a whole year. This does not mean that it is not a matter for much continued prayer—for the situation is very serious—but God is able to protect and keep His own who trust Him wholly. We are now making full preparations for Radosc, asking and trusting for an unusual summer of blessing in soul saving."

SOWING THE SEED

By Naum Shuman (Poland)

IT IS my desire in this letter, which I am writing by the grace of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to tell you something about the work in Poland.

As to the work among the Jews, I helped Miss Christoffersen at Villa Bethel in the Fresh Air work and experienced great blessings. Although the work was very hard, yet the grace of God brought us through. I am always happy that I learned to know the Lord, and this is the reason why I want to tell others about salvation through the cleansing Blood.

When we had finished the summer's work at Radosc, I was to have my holiday, but, being quickened by the Spirit, I spent these days among the German brethren and the Lord wrought great wonders. Jewish, Polish, and German people came together to listen to the gospel. They wrote to Miss Christoffersen to see if it were possible that I could stay longer, so it was arranged that I could continue for some time. The Lord blessed in the different places visited in the vicinity of Lodz, and the meetings were well attended. The Word of the Cross was heard with interest.

I came in contact with many Jews in the small towns and villages. Some of these showed a longing for the truth, while others showed great opposition. Pray for these Jews.

I also distributed many tracts and portions from the Word and found many who were spiritually hungry. Most of these people are very poor, both spiritually and materially. Pray for me and my family, that the Lord will strengthen us and give power to bear all our needs and sorrows.

"The more confession of Christ and of suffering for Him, the more joy there is."

Wanted—A Man—To Stand in the Gap!

By Theodore H. Epp, *Goltry, Okla.*

AMERICA! The judgment of the Lord hangs overhead. God is yet merciful and, in His long-suffering way, is waiting. Waiting for what? A MAN to stand in the gap.

In Ezekiel 22: 30 we read: "And I sought for a man among them, that should . . . stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it."

The picture given here is that of a man who, with his body, will stand in a broken place in the wall to shield those within from the attack of the enemy without. This was, of all places, most dangerous. God today is looking for the man who, like Moses, will stand in the gap for America.

America's walls are crumbling. The warning note has been rung by many faithful messengers of the truth. Now we stand near the crumbling walls, with the enemy swiftly approaching. God permits the enemy to come, unless a MAN is found who will stand in the gap. Thus we say, "A MAN IS NEEDED—A MAN TO STAND IN THE GAP." Will God find the man? Or will He have to say as He said in the latter part of Ezekiel 22:30: "But I found none"? Read the result in verse 31.

If the nation will cry unto its God, will He still hear? God raised up for Himself men in the past who stood in the gap; nations prayed and repented; God heard, and deliverance came. This was His method of the past. Is God inferior today? Is God slack concerning His promises? Where is the God of *Moses*? Where is the God of *Elijah*? Where is the God of *Paul*? Where is the God of *D. L. Moody*? IS HE STILL THERE? "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8). Praise His Name, then there is hope —yes, glorious hope, wonderful hope!

The great question, then, confronting us is: Will the God who spoke to Moses, saying, "Now therefore LET ME ALONE, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them" find a man who, like Moses, will stand in the gap to plead the cause of a nation? "And Moses besought the Lord his God . . . Yet now, if Thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray Thee, out of Thy Book." Moses was willing to pay the greatest of all prices, loss of eternal life, in order to stand in the gap. It will take a similar price today. WILL GOD FIND THE MAN?

My dear friends, God has laid it upon my heart to call forth prayer groups everywhere to intreat the Lord in behalf of a lost nation. If the God of Israel could deliver, He certainly will hearken to a nation that will cry unto Him.

Wherever this little message is read, will you, my friend, not act as a committee of one to gather two or three fellow Christians about you, at least once a week (preferably Saturday night), and cry unto God in behalf of the nation, and that God may find and raise up THE MAN FOR THE GAP? If you will do this, will you not send me a notice of these intentions, so that, as the Lord provides, we may keep in touch with you from time to time?

Look for future articles in the paper in which you found this one, under the title, "WANTED —A MAN—TO STAND IN THE GAP." As the Lord leads, we shall continue to send short, heart-stirring messages. This message was written in the Name of the Lord, and His Name alone shall be glorified.

Many Opportunities

What we supremely need today is the buying up of opportunities as they come. And it is amazing, when once there is readiness to discern them, how constantly such opportunities are presented. I am convinced that far more people than we have imagined are waiting for clear, simple, honest, convincing testimony to the things of Christ and the spiritual life.

—*Selected.*

"The man who has constant recourse to the Word of God, and who allows that Word to tell upon his heart and conscience, will be maintained in the holy activities of the divine life."

Patience Given Cows

By I. Hamaliuc (Roumania)

Ilie Hamaliuc and Family

OUR beloved Brother Hill has asked me to write something about the progress of our new meeting hall in Siret. Our work was hindered in the early summer because of some difficulties with the authorities regarding the official building permit. However, these difficulties were overruled and we resumed work in October. The Lord has given us wonderful weather, so we have been able to work every day since.

The month of October is a hard time to get workers, as everyone is busy gathering in the harvest, so we were unable to get either workers or wagons. We needed wagons to haul sand and bricks. When there seemed absolutely no way, the Lord worked for us and sent a dear brother from a nearby village with two cows hitched to a small wagon, which was something very unusual. It was slow work and we needed much patience, which the Lord gave to us, as well as to the cows. Hauling bricks, even in Roumania, is not very dignified work for the gentle cow, but, horses failing, God sent us cows.

We now have the building roofed and are working on the inside, hoping to have at least the large hall ready by spring. To complete the building will take another year, for we lack funds with which to buy much needed material. Dear friends, please pray with us that God may see fit to raise up friends to help us in this much needed work.

Because of the building work, I have not been able to make many journeys, with the exception of one short one into Bessarabia. Since our beloved Brother Hill has been so ill, I go to Cernauti every second Sunday to assist with the preaching there, and my heart rejoices to see this new work growing.

On New Year's Eve, in Siret, we had a wonderful prayer meeting. Eleven souls accepted Christ, my young brother being among them. Please pray for these newborn souls, that they may be given help from above to now live for their new Master.

On January 5th we baptized ten precious souls, these coming from the surrounding villages. The work is going on here in a wonderful way. Everyone tells others about the joy of salvation, and often strangers, coming to laugh, get converted.

I thank all the friends for the help that I have received for myself and family, and pray that God will bless and reward.

"Faith is the mainspring and regulator of all the graces; our joy, our love, our hope, will all be in proportion to our faith."

"A man has only so much religion as he can command in time of trouble."

Fruitfulness, Expectation, Greetings

By Philip Manetz (Poland)

I HAVE your letter with remittance enclosed, which is received with great appreciation and thanksgiving to God. May the Lord bless all those who are sacrificing for the cause of Christ! See Hebrews 6:10; Psa. 126:5, 6.

We are grateful to our Heavenly Father, first of all, for the gift of His dear Son, our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. "In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins" (Col. 1:14). We also thank God for all His loving kindness and goodness to us. Manifold mercies and innumerable blessings were our lot during this blessed year. We were privileged to witness for the Lord and to preach His gospel to sinners, and it has become "the power of God unto salvation" in some lives. Some eighteen souls were received into Christian fellowship during this past year. Praise God forever!

With renewed courage and faith, we launch out into a new year of labor, by the grace of God. We are praying unceasingly for a mighty, heaven-sent REVIVAL, and fully believe that God will answer the prayer of faith in His own time, according to the faithfulness of His own eternal, unchangeable Word (Matt. 18:19; John 14:13, 14; 2 Tim. 2:13). Thus we remind you again, dear intercessors, to continue in prayer for a mighty revival in the church of God. "For they shall not be ashamed that wait for Me" (Isa. 49:23). "God is not a man, that He should lie; neither the son of man, that He should repent: hath He said, and shall He not do it? or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good?" (Num. 23:19). "For all the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us" (II Cor. 1:20).

The majority of the people living in the villages are Russians; therefore, they do not celebrate the Christmas that falls on December 25th, but their Christmas falls on January 7th, according to the old Russian calendar. Thus, we have here in Poland two Christmas holidays, besides many other holidays of various saints, etc. We take advantage of all these opportunities and preach the gospel of Christ in the various villages. The people, however, are living in gross religious superstition and are utterly ignorant of the grace of God and the simplicity of faith in Christ, as it is revealed in the gospel. It is hard for them to grasp the truth. "The god of this world hath blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should not dawn upon them" (II Cor. 4:3, 4, R. V.). Please pray for an outpouring of the mighty Spirit of God upon Stara Wies, Oziaty, and the villages round about in which the gospel is preached most.

During this winter season, while people do not have much work to do and the nights are long, we are gathering in Stara Wies every week-day evening at 6.30 P. M. for expository Bible reading. We have just finished the Epistle to the Romans and are now reading the First Epistle to the Corinthians. As we go through these Epistles, we take the general outline, using for our guide the "Annotated Bible" by A. C. Gaebelein. Please pray for God's blessing upon the reading of His precious Word. Lack of Bible reading is the greatest need and the greatest source of weakness among the Christians. Pray that the believers might be quickened and revived, that they might read the Bible and be built up in the most holy faith, and that sinners might be saved, to the glory of God.

I have three brothers who are rebellious and still held by the power of darkness. Please pray for their salvation.

Please pray for three old backsliders in our village. They do much harm to the work of the Lord in Stara Wies and the villages round about.

Pray for the salvation of two old women in Stara Wies who are open to the gospel but still unsaved. Their names are Zina and Christina.

Thank God for answering prayer for G. Jachnik's wife. She was very sick, even at the point of death, and I requested prayer for her in my last letter. The church in Stara Wies prayed unitedly, with fasting, for three days, and the Lord graciously raised her up from her sickbed. Praise God forever! Miracles of God's grace have not ceased; God still hears and answers the prayer of faith (I Peter 3:12; James 5:14,

15). This is the second time God has graciously worked in this way in answer to prayer, and we earnestly believe that He has greater things in store for His praying people. *Are you an intercessor?* "He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him" (Heb. 11:6).

Please pray for Brother Jachnik and his family in the light of the following Scriptures: Eph. 1:17, 18; II Peter 3:17, 18. He is very poor, materially. See Matt. 6:33; Deut. 28:2-6. He has a very small farm and is in debt about $18.00. See Phil. 4:19. GOD IS ABLE!

"Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed be His glorious Name forever; and let the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen, and Amen" (Psa. 72:18, 19).

The Christians in Poland send greetings and wish you a holy and prosperous new year, in which many precious souls may be won for His glory.

PREACHING THE WORD

By D. Mysiuk (Poland)

THE Lord's work in Lubelszczizna is going forward. We had great joy over the Christmas holidays. The first day we had the meetings in Kmiczen, to which people came from nine different villages. Ten of us participated in these meetings, preaching the gospel. The entire congregation helped the choir to sing the gospel hymns, and the little children went forward and recited verses of Scripture. We all felt the power of the Holy Spirit. Several souls expressed their desire to follow in the footsteps of their Master.

On the second day of the Christmas holiday, a Christian brother accompanied my two daughters and myself to the village of Zerniki, where we held a gospel meeting. We preached the gospel, sang the gospel hymns, recited spiritual poetry and Bible stories, and the people listened with contrite hearts. They begged us to come and hold meetings with them often.

On the third day we visited the village of Raticzew, where the Lord again helped us. We preached the gospel in the home of a believer, and many people accepted the Word of life. They have left the ceremonies and traditions of men, confessing the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

When we were sowing the seed of the precious Word of God in the hearts of men, the enemy's agent came also to sow tares. I met him in the street and had a dispute with him, before a large crowd of people. He tried to "throw dirt" upon Christ and His followers, but he was conquered by the Word of God. I was told afterwards that his two brothers had killed their father and are now confined in jail. He himself had hit his first wife so hard that she soon died and now he has married another woman. Such a man does not like to have others believe in God, so he preaches wrong doctrines. I proved to him by facts that there is no life for humanity without God. Pray for me.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS IN RUSSIAN

By A. Dobrinin

I AM happy to inform our friends that the second year of my publishing the Uniform Sunday School Lessons in Russian has been most successful. The plan used in all American churches, and the short, essential expositions I am trying to give on the lessons, are enthusiastically accepted by our Russian evangelical churches in many countries, especially in the United States and Canada. Some Greek Orthodox priests are using these lessons, too. We have been so successful with these lessons, which I have called "A Light Unto My Path," that for the first half of this year almost all the copies have been distributed and we fear we cannot satisfy new future demands for them. Most of our Russian brethren in the United States and Canada are able to pay something for the lessons, but they must be distributed free of charge, or at the lowest possible price, in many other countries, where Russian people are living in poverty. They long to have such material to help them in a more systematic study of the Bible, and it is up to us to care for them. Good American Christians, please remember this new work in your prayers.

To "believe" in Him (our Lord Jesus Christ) is more than to believe that He is, or to believe what He says. It is to take Him and to trust Him. It is not enough to know that He is related to God; we must know also that He is related to us, and how we may become vitally related to Him.—*Dr. W. Graham Scroggie.*

THANKFUL

By George Nazaruk

(Poland)

BOTH my wife and I are very thankful to you for the help you sent us, which was much needed. We have already bought necessary clothing for the cold winter. I want to say, as this year of 1935 draws to an end, that we have prayed much for you, my dear American friends, during the past year.

Now, concerning the work in Ozenin and the surrounding country. My church members have helped me in visiting and holding special meetings at our various stations, and God has not failed to come to our aid. We also had some visitors to help us in our special meetings. Brother Marzinkovski and his wife spent a Sunday with us in October, holding three meetings. His wife conducted a meeting for women and there were nearly 150 women present. Visitors had come in from the other stations and it was a glorious day for us all. In November he was with us in Plosk, so we all went over there to hear him. His subjects on Love, Peace, etc., moved the hearts of our people to live better Christian lives. A third time he visited us in Mirotin, a town not far from us. We thank God for this good Russian Christian heart.

Then, by God's grace, two visitors from England were with us for a few days in November. God was certainly near to us in all our meetings. All their talks were inspired by the Holy Spirit. Their meetings for questions were especially interesting. Anyone could ask a question and, after earnest prayer, they began to answer them. Some Scripture truths were made very plain in this way. Although kept very busy at home and in church, I was privileged to serve my Lord with my horse, also, as I drove our visitors from one station to the other.

You see, my dear friends, that God has been very near to us and has been blessing us abundantly. Now we are going to look for the fruits. Will you please help us with your prayers that we may see those fruits in the near future.

Mr. Nazaruk's Church in Ozenin, Poland

In addition to his Russian Christian magazine, "Vernost," which goes out to Russians in different parts of the world, Mr. Dobrinin is seeking to minister with others to the Russian people in this country. We thought our readers would be interested in reading the program opposite. Pray for this work amongst the Russian people in and around New York City.

THE FIRST RUSSIAN NON-DENOMINATIONAL CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE IN AMERICA

By Alexander Dobrinin

IN CONNECTION with the tenth anniversary, and under the auspices, of the Russian evangelical magazine, "Vernost-Faithfulness," the editor of which I am happy to be, the Russian Non-denominational Christian Conference, God willing, will be held from Thursday, April 30th, until Sunday, May 3rd, 1936, inclusive, in New York, in the main auditorium of the Labor Temple, 242 E. 14th Street.

There will be seven evangelistic services and three meetings with lectures of an educational character. The schedule of the Conference is as follows:

Thursday, April 30th

2.30–5.30 P. M. Opening prayer meeting with sermons. Subject: "The Foundation of Christianity."

7.30–10.00 P. M. Lecture by Alexander Dobrinin on "Evangelism and the Greek Orthodox Church in Russia." Pastor Herbert Hogg, of the American-European Fellowship: Sermon.

Friday, May 1st

2.30–5.30 P. M. Subjects: "Our 'NO' and Its Consequences," "Following the Master," "The Ministry of Angels and of the Holy Spirit" (this latter sermon will be delivered by A. Dobrinin)

7.30–10.00 P. M. Lecture by Alexander Dobrinin on "Character and Culture of Russia." George Grebenschikoff, widely known Russian writer: Address.

Saturday, May 2nd

10.00 A.M.–12 M. Subjects: "Where and By What Does Your Soul Live?" "The Fruit of Carnal Life," "The Power of Prayer"

2.30–5.30 P. M. Subjects: "The Sea of Life and God's Rest," "The Road to Triumph in Christian Life," "The Power of Christianity in Us and our Infirmity in Christianity" (the latter sermon will be delivered by A. Dobrinin)

7.30–10.00 P. M. Lecture by A. Dobrinin on "Russia and the Church under the Revolution." Col. E. N. Sanctuary, of the American-European Fellowship: Address on "America's Revolution." Engineer Igor Sikorsky (prospective): Address.

Sunday, May 3rd

10.00 A.M.–12 M. Subjects: "The Glory of God in the Trial of Faith," "The Essential in Oneness of Christians."

1.00–3.00 P. M. Brotherly Feast of Charity (in America this would be called "banquet"). "Five-Minute Speeches" to the glory of God, by volunteers.

4.00–7.00 P. M. Subjects: "Last Judgment," "Blessing and Judgment of Coming Christ" (the latter sermon will be delivered by A. Dobrinin). Col. E. N. Sanctuary, of the American-European Fellowship: An Evangelical Message. Pastor Herbert Hogg, of the American-European Fellowship: Sermon.

These lectures of mine will be richly illustrated with slides and accompanied with a few phonographic demonstrations of typical Russian music.

The Labor Temple is a suitable place for our special purpose. We wish to get more in touch with the Russian immigrants of the "downtown" section. There is a so-called "Old Russian Colony" of common people mixed with other nationalities and influenced very much by the "Red" propaganda, although there are multitudes of fine people among them. We hope to have with us the Russians of "uptown," a so-called "New Russian Colony" of highly educated people, who came to America after the Revolution in Russia. Among our speakers we have: Rev. T. V. Peshkoff, Rev. N. A. Gaevsky, Rev. N. E. Motin, Rev. John Johnson, Rev. P. N. Deyneka, N. A. Ladisheff, P. J. Leonovitch, S. I. Novik, George Grebenschikoff, Pastor Herbert Hogg, Col. E. N. Sanctuary, Engineer Igor Sikorsky (prospective), and the writer.

Surely there will be more speakers who will come to us. Although the depression is on, we expect to have brethren from different places not far from New York.

Our active partakers in the Conference come from Christian groups and missions of different policies. It is not quite easy to get them together. So far, we have been successful. The oneness of Christians is the thing which "Vernost-Faithfulness" has stood for all these years. We are striving to smooth down the differences in the secondary questions among Christians and to keep up good brotherly relationship of different Christian groups, having nothing, of course, in common with modernists.

The above mentioned George Grebenschikoff is a popular Russian writer, and Engineer Igor Sikorsky is a famous inventor and constructor of the marvelous Pan-American Clippers. They are friendly toward us evangelicals. Their addresses will be useful and in Christian spirit. Mr. Sikorsky promised to be with us, if his great activity will not prevent his taking part in our Conference because of something unexpected.

I beg the readers of this magazine and friends of our mission to pray for this Conference and to come, if possible, to its sessions. Russian will be spoken, and you might just look at Russians and guess what they are talking about. But you will catch the Christian spirit of Russian believers, and certainly you will understand the good brethren of the Fellowship, Pastor Herbert Hogg and Col. E. N. Sanctuary. You may be assured that they will speak in splendid English and in good Christian spirit. Please come and share our joy with us, Russian Christians.

WORD FROM MISS RHODE

"HE LED them forth by the right way" (Psa. 107:7). "He led him about, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye" (Deut. 32:10).

Dear Friends and Co-Laborers:

The above verses have been fulfilled in my life recently in a remarkable way. The Lord led me forth out of Poland "by the right way." In the face of the great and urgent need there, I was for some time anxious to be led right back. But, as I yielded to my Lord and trusted Him, I found that He was pleased to lead me about, while instructing and keeping me "as the apple of His eye." So, while thus in His perfect will, my heart is at rest. He will do more for Poland, having His way with me here, than He could if I had my way by returning there before He leads me back. "Lead Thou me on."

After my return from Florida last spring, the gracious leading of God took me to places of service in the states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. In Philadelphia and vicinity, the Lord's grace and strength were sufficient for daily meetings at an eight-day conference and for a number of cottage and church meetings, in spite of long journeys and much higher temperatures than those to which I was already acclimatized in Europe. While in New Jersey, He was sufficient for various services at a ten-day conference and meetings in Atlantic City, Newark, Milburn, and other places. For New York City and vicinity, special strength and help were imparted through the fellowship of God's dear children at Hephzibah House to execute all that was upon the heart of the Lord for me there at that time. "Praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men" (Psa. 107:8). Surely He will not fail to glorify His Name, when His children are yielded and ready for His will at any cost.

And, praise God, "He abideth faithful." How wonderfully He has kept even me, "as the apple of His eye," during this time! "No good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly" (Psa. 84:11).

It is with great joy that I testify of the goodness, love, and faithfulness of our blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. There is praise and thanksgiving in my heart for the prayers He has inspired His own dear ones to offer up in my behalf and for all He has done in answer to such petitions. I am glad to tell you that I am much stronger physically. The reaction after a particularly taxing day or strain is not nearly so severe, and it does not take so long to recuperate as heretofore. In the most unexpected ways and places, doors of service are opening, with the blessing of God upon the meetings. At this time, the Lord has led me back to Florida. Please pray for the ministry He has for me here, and that utterance, grace, and strength may be given to proclaim His message with boldness in the Spirit. May He get much glory to His Name in Poland, as well as here in the States, as we labor together to that end.

With loving greetings to each dear friend and co-worker,

Yours in the Beloved,
JEAN RHODE.

AN URGENT PRAYER REQUEST

BY MRS. R. W. HILL (Roumania)

MY DEAR husband has been very ill since we last wrote you. The disease showed signs of spreading, causing a fearful depression and further stiffening of the limbs, so that the doctor found it necessary to change the course of treatment. He is now giving him a course of typhoid fever injections. This is a very severe treatment, causing high fever shock and then great physical weakness. We do, however, praise God that he is slowly responding to the treatment, and we hope that it will eventually effect a complete cure.

For the present, Mr. Hill is unable to attend the meetings, and I doubt if he will be able to do much for a few months. We have arranged with our Brother Hamaliuc to come in every second Sunday to take charge of the meetings, and, on the alternate Sunday, Brother Rot and Brother Schnapp manage. Brother Rot was in Russia for years, but now he has a small business here, and from the first he has been a great help to us.

"Unto Thee, O God, do we *give thanks*, unto Thee do we *give thanks:* for that Thy name is near Thy wondrous works declare" (Psa. 75: 1).

Spreading the Gospel

By Charles Lukesh (Czechoslovakia)

OUR situation seems to have much in common with that of Pergamos, concerning which the Lord said that Satan dwelt there. There are several characteristics of Pergamos that are quite noticeable here, but, praise the Lord, He is able to show forth His glory, in spite of the hardest conditions. Thus, in the beginning of this year, we rejoice over a special manifestation of His grace in the restoration of one who had, like Demas, turned to the love of this world. Surely it pays to stand unpromisingly on a true basis. We want to work as servants that look for their Lord.

Who knows how long we will have the opportunity to spread the gospel far and wide? Nobody can tell when the hellish dance of the demon of war will begin again. Thus, we praise the Lord for the opportunity of reaching vast multitudes by the printed page, whom we would not be able to reach otherwise. Just look at some of the responses which come in from the remotest parts of the country. We try to attend to all of these requests, in addition to our work at home and in the surrounding territory. Only the Lord knows the enormity of the task, and to Him we look for grace and sustaining power.

It is hard to tell where to begin. In the beginning of December, a faithful daughter of Abraham departed to be with her Saviour, whom she loved and served. Just a few days before the Lord called her, knowing that she would be called soon, she was thoughtful of our tract work, which had helped her in her testimony for many years, and sent us a legacy of forty cents. The Lord will surely value this as He did the widow's mite.

A request comes from another who is poor in this world's goods. He is a farm hand, the only one saved amongst Catholics, and he wants a supply of tracts so that he can open up conversation that will show others a higher plane of living. A pastor in the northern part of the province writes of receiving many visitors in his home. He does not want any of these to go away without taking a printed message with them, so he asks for at least one hundred tracts monthly. To some this may seem but a trifle, but considering that few of his colleagues give out tracts at all, he orders from us because he has been convinced of the importance of the messages that we give out.

Some believers in a certain city found 150 of our tracts laid away in a bookcase and they promptly put them to use. They want more of them and tell us that they are praying for the Lord's blessing on our work, which is benefiting their section of the country as well as ours.

A friend desires a supply for his vicinity, asking for some of the numbers out of print which he feels are especially good. We are sorry to say that we are not able to reprint them because of lack of means. Another sends a dollar for tracts, but he is getting far more than this in value. He mentions that he pays for them with money that was formerly used in smoking. Requests are also coming to us from the outside—Germany, Switzerland, France, Jugoslavia, etc. Colporteurs request tracts for selling, others request them for work in penitentiaries and prisons, still others for distribution at festivals, when great crowds come from the surrounding towns and markets and can carry them home to parts not otherwise reached by these faithful workers. Pastors, too, are asking for shipments of tracts, one of them telling us that he can hardly do his work without them.

There are requests for Bibles from public school teachers, writers, and chauffeurs, one of whom received a tract while passing us in the woods. Another man picked up a tract which we threw out while passing through his town, and now he asks for a Bible. Several request prices on Bibles, but most of them have no means by which they can pay for them. Some of them ask for several Bibles at once to be given to their friends, but this we cannot do, as it looks as though they want to use them for profit, nor do we give more than a Gospel to such as evidently are professional hunters of something for nothing. Experience teaches us to distinguish between them.

A pastor asks for several hundred of our tracts, stating how he came to know about them. While

he was travelling about in the performance of his duties, he was often met by a huckster, who handed him some of the tracts. He liked them, and now wants a supply so that he can spread the light in the darkness around him.

This work of free distribution by such willing workers who are doing this without remuneration cannot go forward without a sufficient supply of money. Some tracts that have been a great blessing in the past, and for which there is great demand, are not being reprinted because of lack of funds. The faithful workers are many, but the need of financial support for this wonderful tract ministry is great. The printed page so often reaches places where the missionary and colporteur cannot go, and is light in the darkness for many a lost soul. God will not be unmindful of your prayers and gifts for this much needed and needy ministry.

CONSTANT EVANGELIZING

By B. Bajko (Poland)

THE year of 1935 has passed away and the new one has begun. We do not as yet know what it will bring. One thing we know, however, that at the end of the old year everybody is trying to look over their activities of the year that is past to see what success has been theirs. The Word of God says that every one of us shall give an account of himself to God. The Lord will reckon with all people, especially with His stewards, who should be found faithful.

First of all, I thank my God for all His grace and mercies toward me. I also wish to express my hearty thanks to my dear Christian friends who have been mindful of me during the past year so that I have been able to consecrate my whole time to the Lord's work.

During this past year, I had 164 evangelistic meetings in different parts of Poland, in which hundreds of souls confessed the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. Also, by the Lord's help, I conducted prayer meetings, meetings for the children and young people, baptismal and funeral services, choir practices, besides visiting the sick and those in prison. I also prepared a special Slavonic Chorus, which rendered several selections at the World Convention of Churches of Christ in England, under my leadership. Having returned to Poland, I conducted the song service at our National Convention. All this labor required much time and strength, as well as much walking on foot and riding long distances on the bicycle.

During the Christmas holidays, two sisters, a brother, and I (the quartet) set out to visit the dullest places in Polesie. Instead of Christmas frosts, we had Christmas rains this year. In these rains we walked, in the mud, distances of from ten to twenty miles, from village to village. This kind of traveling was very hard, but our love for souls, which was shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, constrained us to go forward. Glory to God, our labor was not in vain. We visited ten large villages, where we held overflowing meetings. People with contrite hearts listened to the preaching of the gospel, and hundreds of them were touched by the Word of God. We also distributed much gospel literature and sold some New Testaments.

Please, dear Christian friends, pray to the Lord that He may grant the increase to the seed which has been scattered during the past year and that He may give the strength needed to work for His glory this new year. To Him be all the glory!

SUFFERING WITH THE SUFFERERS

WE HAVE a good Russian evangelical brother in Roumania by the name of O. R. Some time ago he went to Bessarabia in Roumania, which formerly belonged to Russia. This district was formerly a very prosperous one, as the soil there is unusually rich, but the last two years, and especially last year, the crops dried out, and the people, most of them Russians, have been suffering unspeakably from hunger. When our brother O. R. learned of the distress, he used his last money to travel to that district, in order that he might not only know by correspondence but that he might see the conditions with his own eyes. In order to fully understand their suffering, he went and suffered with them. Our dear brother, with a heart burning with love for his fellowmen, gave them all his money and some of our relief money, and he tells us of the deep gratitude of the people for this timely and unexpected help, for which they praised God.

In evil times, it fares best with them that are most careful about duty, and not about safety.

—*Hammond.*

What A Needy Field!

By John Kovalchuk (Carpathian Russia)

DURING the Christmas season, which lasted for nearly a month, we were very busy holding meetings in different places. We usually have two Christmas holidays here, one according to the Roman Catholic calendar and another, two weeks later, according to the Greek Orthodox calendar. Each of these holidays lasts for almost two weeks, including Christ's birthday, New Year's Day, Christ's baptism, etc. During this period of time, we always have unusual opportunities for holding gospel meetings and Christmas programs in many different places.

The Christmas holiday according to the Roman Catholic calendar we spent, as we usually do, in the region around the city of Mukachevo. This is a great field with unusual opportunity for evangelization. The city of Mukachevo is a fine center for the work. Around this city there are many large towns and countless villages, inhabited by Carpatho-Russians, who never had the opportunity of hearing the gospel news. In the few places where we preach occasionally, the people are always begging us to come and help them more frequently, but we have more work than we can do in our own locality and are unable to visit them as often as we should like to do. The need of a regular worker in this region is most appalling. Whenever we go there, we feel heart-broken over this condition, and again and again we fervently pray to God to send a laborer to this most needy field. Please pray with us, dear friends, that the Lord will send a worker to this part of Carpathian Russia.

We held fine meetings and had Christmas programs in Mukachevo and Klachanovo, and the Lord richly blessed us. There are many children here, who ought to be taken care of spiritually. A Sunday school should be organized for them and they should be taught and instructed in the Word of God, but in order to do this we need a steady, trained, consecrated worker. Several years ago, Russellism and other false teachings were spreading here, but now they are all disappearing and the field is ready and waiting for the pure gospel seed. There is also a crying need for laborers here among other nationalities, such as Hungarians, Jews, Germans, Czechs, etc. This field is surely white and ready for harvest. Let us pray very earnestly, dear Christians, that the Lord will send consecrated workers here.

The Christmas holidays according to the Greek Orthodox calendar we spent in the wide region in which we live. Most of the people here are Greek Orthodox and observe these holidays very strictly. Taking advantage of this opportunity, we held Christmas services and programs at this time for the children in our central stations. We had with us for the holiday a Bohemian preacher and two Russian students from Prague, who helped us very much. In spite of very rainy weather and muddy roads (for we are having an unusually warm, rainy winter) we traveled much, both on foot and by horse and wagon, from town to town and from village to village, and had crowded meetings in every place. The many children in each place were well prepared for the Christmas program and did their parts well. They quoted many Scripture texts, recited good, spiritual Christmas stories and poetry, sang many Christmas hymns, etc. They surely were a great blessing to the many people who had come together. We thank God for our faithful co-workers, Mrs. E. Ermolinska, Miss M. Selody, and Mrs. Kovalchuk, who worked so hard in teaching and preparing the children, for the glory of God. We believe that all the work done during these holidays will not be in vain, but will bring forth fruit for His glory and for the salvation of souls.

In Bustino, where we have our prayer hall, we hold four regular services every week and two Sunday schools, one for the grown folks and another for the children. I wish the friends who gave money for building this hall could see and rejoice with us, for every service is packed with people who listen to the Word of God with great interest and attention. Please pray with us that many souls will heed the gospel news and give themselves to God. We have another great center, Neresnice,

where a prayer hall is a great necessity. May the Lord provide it, for His glory and for the salvation of souls in this dark country!

KALEIDOSCOPIC PICTURES

By Rev. P. B. Kennedy
(Albania)

OUR regular Sunday services here in Albania are being encouragingly maintained. Last Sunday I preached a New Year's sermon on "Passing Through the Garden," basing my words on Genesis three. In our Sunday evening service, we preach on the evangelistic phase of the next Sunday's Sunday school lesson.

Our Christmas services went off happily and profitably. On two different occasions, we had from seven to eight hundred present. Not being able to accommodate more than half in our chapel, we seated the rest in the other rooms of our building. Each one received a little treat, and each one brought something for the poor. These things have since been distributed.

We are getting some thousands of gospel leaflets printed for free distribution. While in Tirana, the capital, Mrs. Kennedy and I attended a dinner and reception at our American Legation. Our new minister, Mr. Hugh Gladney Grant, and his wife are Christian people, members of the Baptist Church. When a young man, he was superintendent of a Sunday school in Kentucky. I presented him with copies of all the portions of the Scriptures printed in the Albanian language. There were some nineteen Americans present, from different parts of Albania.

We have had the topics for our "Week of Prayer" printed in the Albanian language. We are anticipating having a season of revival and blessing. Our evangelical work here in Albania needs definite decisions for Christ and definite organization. Kindly pray with us that the Holy Spirit may accompany the Word to the conviction and conversion of many, and that eventually some definite organization may be brought about here, under His leading.

This season of the year has given, and will continue to give us, special opportunities to call in the homes of the people. Mrs. Kennedy and I have made many such calls, in both Mohammedan and Orthodox homes. At the same time, we have had many friends come to visit us. We always have it in mind to make these contacts profitable spiritually, and have been giving out our "Week of Prayer" topics and inviting their attendance.

Besides this, day by day our regular missionary work goes on. Morning, noon, and night, various people are coming in for varied reasons. People come for counsel, and in many cases it results in assisting them to write letters. Such sad cases of poverty and trouble, because of what sin has done and is doing! All these contacts are used for Christ. At dinner today Mrs. Kennedy said she had had eleven such calls this morning, and before she had finished it was announced that a bright young Mohammedan student was waiting to see us in her reception room. We had a helpful talk with him. He especially needs the prayers of God's people, as he wants to go to a Bible school. He knows the English language.

At our book-stand in the market this morning, there was a constant crowd of interested people. This season of the year probably led them to be more attentive. I was particularly glad to have several Mohammedans purchase Scripture portions. In one instance, a poor Mohammedan boy, with a copy of the Gospel of Luke in his hand, was telling me that he wanted it but had no money to buy it (about seven cents). Just then a Mohammedan friend, who has recently come from America and who called on me yesterday, happened to be passing. I explained to him the difficulty, and he paid for the Gospel for his fellow Mohammedan!

Truly, united prayer accomplishes things! We on this side are praying for you and for Mr. and Mrs. Jacques, as they go here and there, telling the story of Albania's needs, and we will thank you for praying with us that the Holy Spirit may abide with us, also, for we are deeply conscious that a Paul may plant and an Apollos may water, but that God alone can give the increase (I Cor. 3:6).

CONTROLLING OUR THOUGHTS

Very few people ever dream of Christ, because few think enough about Him during the day. But life becomes a new thing when Jesus wins lordship over its unordered thoughts and the mind turns to Him as its true resting place and home.

Obey Paul's injunction to "bring every thought into obedience to the captivity of Christ." He is able to subdue all our thoughts, and to expel from them everything that can not live in His presence.

—*Selected*

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

(Translated from Russian)

GOD OVERRULING THE GODLESS

By One of Our Correspondents

THERE is a radical leader of the "Godless" movement, Yaroslavsky (Gubelman) by name. He has as the motto for his destructive organization, "To put all churches in ashes, through the sea of fire." In his appeal he said that the cruelty of religious persecution must be continued unceasingly. He said the "Godless" movement has become powerful and must root out all religious feeling. This is a part of the fight of the classes. He says they must undermine the very foundations of the old world, based upon Christian civilization. Ministers of all religious cults must be made to know that no God, no saint, no prayer can save a capitalistic world from perishing.

But, on the other hand, according to official statements in the Soviet press, the "Godless" movement in Russia is waning. First of all, the number of its members has decreased very greatly. This unexpected decline of the "Godless" movement, Yaroslavsky explains in the following way. He says there need be no alarm over the decrease in membership, because the movement has become so widespread that there is no longer any need for a large organization known as the "Godless." Of course, this explanation is an artificial one, given in order to hide their failure. Yaroslavsky admits that the work of the "Godless" can no longer be done on so large a scale as in former years. He comforts himself with the thought that their ten years of propaganda have influenced foreign countries. Then, too, they are trying chiefly to capture school children, of whom there are about 25,000,000. He says that a considerable number of the children are now quite indifferent with regard to religion—but this cannot be said about all the children. He says the "Godless" movement has become so large that it cannot be enrolled in any one organization, and that there is, therefore, no special need for it in the "Godless" center. We will just turn to the figures. In 1934-35, the members of the "Godless" paid into their organization *only one-tenth* of what they paid in 1933. The organization of "Godless" is now demanding from the central government that they make this organization a state department, regularly paid from the state budget.

The "Godless" admit that, in certain districts, Soviet agricultural communes recently celebrated the special church feast of St. Nicholas for five days, while in the Czar's regime it was celebrated for only one or two days. In some cases, whole parties of laborers left their work, with permission of their chiefs, and went to celebrate the old church holidays. Last year, Whitsuntide was celebrated, also, by the commune.

But, perhaps, more significant is the fact that the Soviet official press no longer takes the material of the "Godless" movement for publication. The newspaper men of the Soviets are certainly still atheists, but they do not see any further need for propagating the "Godless" movement. The atheistic leaders openly confess that, without government financial support, their organization must be discontinued. It does not work at all on a voluntary basis. They say that the atheistic propaganda is now more intended for use in foreign countries, where they are still trusted.

We might mention one incident. A boy born in a certain family was named "Lemark" (Le-Lenin and Mark-Marx). With this combination of names, they thought the boy would surely be a future communist, a follower of Lenin and Marx, but some contradictory events took place. It was discovered that, even before the name had been given him, he was secretly baptized three times—by his mother, by his grandmother, and by his aunt. Thus we see that religious feeling is still very strong in Russia and no "Godless" movement has been able to eliminate it. The activity of the atheists has not yet attained success in Russia, as far as the whole nation is concerned.

LETTERS FROM RUSSIAN BELIEVERS

FOR the last few months, the correspondence from Russia, particularly from the believers, has been hindered. The Christians are afraid to write from Russia, and apparently many letters which were sent have been confiscated by the

Soviet censors. Nevertheless, we are happy to receive a few letters. We will give some excerpts.

A Russian preacher, the father of a large family and a refugee from Moscow, because he had been threatened with arrest, writes as follows: "I received your gift, and it is beyond my power of expression to properly thank you for this help. I am ill, and I have not been given any work by the Soviet Union because I am a religious worker. I beg you not to forget me in the future. We need food. My nerves are broken, but I am trying to be patient. The leaders of our evangelical brotherhood have been exiled. (The names are given, but we cannot publish them.) Lord, help us!"

We have another letter from faraway Siberia. An old man, a preacher, who was exiled from Central Russia, writes us: "I write this letter to you from a faraway country, to which I have been exiled for three years. I have been here now for eleven months, separated from my dear wife. I greatly miss my home. I am over seventy years of age. We have many old people here in exile. We are here because of Rev. 1:9—our experience is similar to that of John. The believers are not permitted to gather together for prayer, and I received word recently that the situation is the same in Central Russia. The people are deprived of the right to be fed spiritually, and the nation is thirsting for God's Word. You may be happy that you are free to confess your faith and to work for the Lord in your peaceful country. It is up to me now to find work here, but no one wants old men like me, so I am very poor. I will try to appeal for freedom before my term has expired, but there is little hope for me. The Lord keep you! I greet you heartily. Please write to me—I need the fellowship."

We have a third letter from a brother, a preacher, who says that life is unbearable in Soviet Russia, especially for Christians. He asks us to pray for him and to write him, but he gave only his name and not his full address, telling us to write in care of General Delivery. After his signature, he has drawn the picture of a fish, which was the emblem used by persecuted Christians in the first century. so we draw our own conclusions.

A life marked by daily answer to prayer is proof of true abiding in Christ.—*A. Murray.*

JOHN GORDIUK AND FAMILY

APPRECIATION

BY JOHN GORDIUK (Poland)

I WISH to thank you and all the dear friends in the Lord for the help which you sent me in His Name. It came in a time of great need. Our Lord is, indeed, the "Good Shepherd" and, therefore, I shall not want. Glory to His holy Name!

I have not written you anything for a long time. The Lord has been chastening us a little, like a loving Father. Our little ones were all very sick, but now they are on the way to recovery.

The Lord blesses us and keeps us in His hands. We received special blessings from Him at Christmas time, and now also. The Lord's work is growing more and more. For the sake of His work, we are planning, with His help, to move to the town of Mlynow. We are praying definitely about this. Will you join us in prayer, that the Lord will lead in this matter. God willing, I expect to visit several places soon. Pray for me. May the Lord bless and keep you! I greet you in His precious Name.

Earnest, Persistent Evangelization

By K. Jaroszuk (Poland)

SOME time ago I visited an orphanage where there are fifty children ranging in age from two to fourteen years. They are always very glad to see new visitors and especially to hear about their heavenly Father. After this visit I went to the river Mukhavetz, where eight new converts were being baptized. On the banks of the river there were many people standing, among them Brother Manetz. Those who were about to be baptized gave their testimonies and praised the Lord for the new life they had found in Him. The weather was beautiful, the sun was shining brightly, and the singing of the choir could be heard a long distance. After the baptismal service we went back to our chapel, singing hymns and praising the Lord.

About a week later I left home on my bicycle very early in the morning to go to the town of Prujana, fifty-six kilometers away. I had been invited by the presbytery of the church to have meetings with them for three days, but as I was very busy I could be there for only the last day. I arrived at 8:30 in the morning. The gospel hall was packed with people who were anxious to see me and to hear the Word of God. There were about 400 present. We had a very blessed day, conducting three meetings. The Lord was with us and everyone was filled with joy. On my way home, although I was very tired, my heart was joyful and I was praising and thanking God for the privilege of serving Him.

A little later I was called to a neighboring village to conduct a funeral service for a deceased brother. Before the funeral, I preached the Word of God to a large crowd. Our dear brother had accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Saviour in 1926, being the first Christian in his village; at this time the Christian community there consists of ten members. He left four children besides his widow and aged mother. May the Lord bless and help them.

We had a meeting in the village of Verkhy, returning when it was dark. Our walk was a very happy one, as the trumpets of our young people echoed along the road. The Orthodox priest met us as we were walking along. I greeted him and he answered me. Then he asked, "From whence have you come, gentlemen?" I replied, "From the village of Verkhy." Then he asked about our business there. I answered that we had been serving God. Then he asked who we were. I told him, "I am Jaroszuk." Then I asked him whether he is receiving a certain magazine and he said that he is receiving it. I explained to him that I had arranged for this and he expressed his appreciation. Then we had a long conversation on the street. The traveling conditions were very bad, but we made twenty kilometers that day and were full of joy because of the service God had permitted us to do for Him.

That evening we had a meeting for young people. They sang and played music and recited poetry. Many people attended the meeting. An old woman approached me and asked me to pray for her. After doing so, a joyful expression appeared on her face and she thanked God for His mercy.

I went to the village Grabowtzy, where I visited several families of believers and also some outsiders. Then we had a large meeting, where the room was so packed with people that the lamp could not burn. In spite of the cold weather, we had to open the doors to get fresh air. Many visitors had come from the nearby villages and they wept as they listened to the Word of God. The service closed after administering the Holy Communion, but the people stayed longer for conversation. I distributed literature in Russian and Polish.

On the 27th of the month, in spite of a heavy rain, I went to the village Chvirki, where I had been invited to conduct the service. There were only about fifty people present, but we celebrated the Lord's Supper and His presence was consciously felt. Everyone was thankful that I had come to see them, in spite of bad weather. I had great difficulty in getting back home. It was raining and the roads were flooded, which made it very hard for me to ride my bicycle. I was soaked through and through, but I was happy and praising the Lord.

I received invitations from many different places to come to them and preach the gospel, but, as I have written before, my means for existence are very scanty and this obliges me to look for work so that I am not able to give full time to the Lord's

service. I pray that He may send me sufficient means and strengthen me physically, to labor for Him. Above everything I pray that He may satisfy the hungry souls in this needy district.

"THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL"

By one of our correspondents

THE Bolsheviks planned to eliminate from Russia the very name of God, by 1937. The country has been silenced by the terrorism of the Soviets, and even foreign countries have been deceived and are unable to comprehend the tragic situation there. Even the noble country of England has at times been dealing with the Bolsheviks in a friendly way.

Believers of every denomination in Russia have been tormented by the agents of the Soviets. Throughout the regime of the Soviets, the exile of preachers has continued, bread rights have practically been taken away from Christians, they are dismissed from their work, the prisons are filled with Christians, and espionage among Christians has been developed to an extreme point, through the spies of the Bolsheviks. Believers are driven out from the houses of worship, which are then ruined, and Scriptures and hymnals are confiscated. Families are broken up, the children in many cases being taken away from their parents. The Bolsheviks have used all power imaginable to break the church to pieces.

But a miracle is taking place. The believers are gathering together and their letters show that their spirit is fresh and pure. Their Christianity is so vital that, amidst their tribulation, they are always thinking of Christians in other countries. The believers in Russia always find a place and a time for prayer. They carry on real, fiery missionary work, from house to house. Christian doctrines are kept spotless among believers in Russia. There is no division now—at least, there is less than there was in times of peace. There is no heresy, no modernism among the Russian believers. There was a kind of modernism (so-called "Revivalists") among the Russian Orthodox churches during the first years of the Revolution, but that has disappeared. We are, of course, better acquainted with the conditions among our own evangelical brethren, and we find that, in the midst of their unprecedented poverty, they are sharing their food, etc., with others. Through the towns of Russia are wandering evangelical preachers, priests, and monks, doing their religious work. The church is broken up outwardly, as far as its organization is concerned, but it has taken new form and is doing a great work privately in homes, families, and individuals. The fire of faith is burning, and the Christians in Russia have two strong hopes; first, to meet the Lord, and second, if He tarries, to see a new, spiritually awakened Russia. There are potentialities everywhere for such a spiritual awakening.

The celebration of last Christmas will illustrate the strong religious thirst that exists in Russia. It was, indeed, strange that the Bolsheviks permitted an unofficial holiday on December 25th. Of course, the Bolsheviks explain that this holiday had nothing to do with the celebration of the birth of Christ. It was evident, however, that the holiday was granted because of the pressure that was brought to bear on them by the religious sentiments of most of the Russian population. The people were really surprised to be free on the holiday. Around about a certain church in Moscow, the crowds were so deep on Christmas Day, because of the people who wished to attend the church service, that it was difficult to pass through. Some witnesses say that there were about 50 000 people there, of different ages—small children, school children, laborers, men and women, old and young. The service was not only held inside the church, but also outdoors.

WITH OPENED EYES

I have found that faith in Jesus Christ is a wonderful foundation rock upon which stands a marvelous superstructure. I have found that the Holy Ghost is not an influence, but a real, living, active Person. I see wonderful truths relating to Christ in types and prophecies which I never dreamed of before, and "the blessed hope" has a new meaning.

The message of the Epistles I once thought full of hyperbole, now glows with meaning. And so I might go on, and so doubtless God, in His great grace and goodness, will lead us all on through the ages of eternity, beholding new glories and new graces in His Son.—*Dr. Howard M. Kelly.*

Statement of Receipts for January, 1936

Receipt No.	Amount	Receipt No.	Amount	Receipt No.	Amount
17059	20.00	17112	1.00	17165	5.00
17060	1.00	17113	1.00	17166	2.00
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17064	1.00	17117	2.00	17170	2.00
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17066	25.00	17119	25.00	17172	2.00
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17087	50.00	17140	20.00	17193	1.00
17088	6.70	17141	2.00	17194	5.00
17089	1.00	17142	10.00	17195	5.00
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17101	50.00	17154	5.00	17207	1.00
17102	10.00	17155	2.00	17208	6.00
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17105	5.00	17158	225.00	is for the Bookroom	
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